Undergraduate Research Opportunity

PROJECT

Applied Philosophy Website Editor/Journalist

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This project, “Applied Philosophy Website Editor/Journalist,” will involve remote work to help manage and edit the applied philosophy webpage in collaboration with Dr. Priest. This webpage posts articles about applied philosophy interviews of applied philosophers (both written and audio) debates between philosophers on applied topics, and has an ethics advice column. Students may be involved in writing philosophy interviews, hosting and recording debates between philosophers (this involves coming up with a topic and asking questions) soliciting questions for the advice column, and conducting audio interviews recorded on their phone. No tech experience needed.

STUDENT

Research assistant’s duties:
The student researcher will write interview questions about topics in applied philosophy. The student will contact faculty and graduate students and ask them to take part in a written or oral interview. The student will contact faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students and ask them to take part in a recorded audio debate, and the student would monitor that debate. Students will solicit anonymous questions for the advice column, perhaps by online surveys, or even asking acquaintances or members of the public if they have any pressing ethical questions. Students may develop new ways to ask these questions, and make suggestions for new additions to the website. Students may have opportunities to read and edit articles.

Required skills or qualifications:
Basic familiarity with the discipline of philosophy, including understanding major contemporary debates and major historical debates. The student should be comfortable and have the people skills required to perform the aforementioned work and strong writing skills including the ability to write clearly and in ways that are easy to understand. Creative thinking skills and a good sense for what type of topics the public might find interesting. Knowledge about conducting surveys is helpful but not required.

Skills student will acquire:
Students will learn important networking skills, i.e. how to contact professionals in the field and ask for their assistance and corporation. Students will acquire and/or improve upon journalism skills, creative writing, editing, survey taking, and general oral and written communication.